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Pub. 142, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Ireland and the West Coast of England, Eighth Edition, 2000, is ready for issue. This publication has been corrected to 23 September 2000, including Notice to Mariners No. 39 of 2000.

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